Strategic Growth Council Work Plan Summary

Statutory Duties: The following 8 areas are based on SGC statutory duties in SB 732**.**

	Purpose	Facilitators	Activities
Modeling Incentive Funds PRC 75125 (d) Manage and award grants and loans to support the planning and development of sustainable communities pursuant to PRC Sections 75127, 75128, and 75129	Administer Modeling Incentive Program	Gregg Albright, BTH; Marilee Mortenson, Caltrans; Bryan Cash, Resources	• Caltrans is in the process of completing the interagency agreement (IA) with the Natural Resources Agency (estimate to be finalized in the next 30-60 days). The IA will also need to be approved by DGS. • Once this IA is finalized, we (SGC or Caltrans) can notify the MPOs that they can amend their Overall Work Programs (OWPs) to encumber the Prop. 84 funds allocated to the MPOs. • We will also need to complete an IA between Caltrans and the High Speed Rail Authority concerning the $1.5 million for Vision California. • We're anticipating the MPOs will be able to begin work on July 1. But will not be able to be reimbursed until the Governor signs the FY 10/11 State Budget. • Caltrans will hire a two-year limited term Planner to administer this program. We estimate this position would be in effect for FY 2010/11 and 2011/12.
Planning Sustainable Communities and Urban Greening Project & Planning Grants PRC 75125 (d) Manage and award grants and loans to support the planning and development of sustainable communities pursuant to PRC Sections 75127, 75128, and 75129	Develop Criteria and Administer Grant Programs	SGC Key Staff; Polly Escovedo, Resources	• Adopt Urban Greening Guidelines: 2/9/10 • Adopt Planning Guidelines: 3/17/10 • Recommended Awards for Urban Greening and Planning: 9/1/10 • Funds Allocated: Sept 2010 depending on DOF approving new bond commitment for prop 84 funds and approved 2010/2011 budget.
Data Needs PRC 75125 (c) Provide, fund, and distribute data and information to local governments and regional agencies that will assist in developing and planning of sustainable communities	To identity data and information needs, both Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and non-GIS for state, regional and local governments.	Michael Byrne, Office of the State Chief Information Officer; Luree Stetson, Resources; David Harris, Resources Agency-CERES Program.	• Working Group developing recommendations on potential data funding activities: 3/17/10 • Coordinate with Office of Chief Information Officer

Program/Policy Coordination PRC 75125 (a) Identify and review activities and funding Programs of member state agencies that may be coordinated to improve . . .	To identify state program/policy coordination opportunities to better meet the state's climate change goals and to encourage sustainable development at the state, region, and local level.		
• CEC ARRA Funds		Bill Pfanner, CEC; Julia Lave Johnston, OPR	• Working with CEC to coordinate ARRA funds
• Program and Funding Coordination			• Form a working group to analyze program matrix of all SGC member agencies programs for coordination opportunities. • Proposed State Grants Administrators Workshop •

• Climate Change Land Use and Infrastructure Group	The Climate Change Land Use and Infrastructure Group has been convened to identify state land use policy coordination opportunities for the CAT and SGC.	Andrew Altevogt, CalEPA; Julia Johnston, OPR	• Currently projects include:
			  o State Climate Adaptation Plan
			  o Regional Progress Report 2010 Scope
			  o Potential state advisory group for Vision California

State Infrastructure Planning PRC 75125 (a) Identify and review activities and funding Programs of member state agencies that may be coordinated to improve . . . At a minimum the Council shall review and comment on the five year infrastructure plan and the EGPR	To improve the State Infrastructure Planning process to meet state sustainability objectives.	Mike Byrne, GIO, CIO; Nathan Brady, DOF	• A 2009 Five Year Infrastructure Plan was never released by the Dept. of Finance. This means the SGC hasn't missed an opportunity or its statutory obligation on commenting on the plan. • The 2010 Plan is being released in the next two months. As previously discussed at the SGC meetings, this plan does not have a comment period, the plan is just released. Moreover the 5 year plan is very high level and does not discuss specific site selection. • SGC staff have asked for a pre-release of the plan prior to it going to the public. • SGC staff will work on reviewing the plan

State Infrastructure Planning
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			Next Steps:
			• As presented at SGC meetings, DOF has suggested that the best opportunity for SGC to review, is not in the 5 Year plan, but in two other trigger points;
			    ◦ By providing input/direction through the budget letter and Manual of Procedures that typically gets sent out to departments on how to compile their five year plans/needs.
			    ◦ On the acquisition of real property is when the State Public Works Board considers items for site selection.
			• Our plan is to have staff on these items, as they occur, but the lack of staff in this area is trying. We think there is better opportunity for review once the Executive Director of the SGC is in place.
			
			Other Proposed Activities
			• Stakeholder workshop/conference to discuss the role of School siting in meeting SB 375 and sustainable community goals.

Outreach/Education PRC 75123 (b) The Council may sponsor conferences, symposia, and other public forums	Develop an outreach plan	SGC Key Staff	• March 30th Messaging Seminar with Amy Frykman, Resource Media • Proposed SGC Grants- Learning Network
Local Government Tools & Support: USEPA Project PRC 75125 (c) Provide, fund, and distribute data and information to local governments and regional agencies that will assist in developing and planning of sustainable communities	Develop a framework to help local governments determine which set of sustainability programs and policies are best for them.	Julia Johnston, OPR:	• Finalizing US EPA Project Scope of Work. • Met with stakeholders February 5, 2010. • Planned meeting with local government representatives March 2010. • Planned presentation to environmental professionals March 2010.
Local Government Tools & Support: Funding Wizard Project PRC 75125 (c) Provide, fund, and distribute data and information to local governments and regional agencies that will assist in developing and planning of sustainable communities	Develop a tool to help local governments identify available funding sources for sustainable planning and implementation.	Luree Stetson, Resources; Dana Papke, ARB	• Develop Funding Wizard Scope of Work & Costs. • Develop proposal and RFP for development of Funding Wizard.

Other Priorities

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Federal Policy/Relations	To influence Federal Legislation to reflect SGC objectives, respond in writing on proposed bills, and support a statewide consensus on infrastructure/housing/health needs.	Ken De Crescenzo, Caltrans; Anthony Eggert, CEC	• Approve "SGC Consensus on Federal Transportation Policy", a two page complimentary document to the "California Consensus on Federal Transportation Authorization for 2009": 2/9/10 • Work with Council to decide next steps
High Speed Rail	Work with High Speed Rail to manage Vision California to ensure the project helps meet SGC objectives.	Gregg Albright, BTH; Julia Johnston, OPR; Dan Leavitt, HSR;	• Caltrans is n the process of completing an IA between Caltrans and the High Speed Rail Authority concerning the $1.5 million for Vision California. • Form a multi-agency committee to advise the project as it moves forward (CCLU-IN will serve as this group) • Rapid Fire briefing for state agencies
	To develop recommendations for how HSR can support sustainable communities and to coordinate HSR's TOD planning funds with SGC planning funds.		

Administration/Finance

	Purpose	Facilitators	Activities
Staffing PRC 75121. (b) Staff for the council shall	Each Council member has designated staff to work on SGC tasks with the exception of the	Pat Kemp, Resources	• CEA II position interviews

be reflective of the council's membership.	public member who participates as his own representative. The SGC currently has no dedicated staff. The CEA II hiring process in underway.		
Annual Report to Legislature PRC 75125 (e) No later than July 1, 2010, and every year thereafter, provide a report to the legislature	To provide a report to the legislature with specified information regarding the management of the SGC grant and Modeling Incentives programs; including: 1. A list of applicants for financial assistance. 2. Identification of which applications were approved. 3. The amounts awarded for each approved application. 4. The remaining balance of available funds. 5. A report on the proposed or ongoing management of each funded 6. project. 7. Any additional minimum requirements and priorities for a project or plan proposed in a grant or loan application developed and adopted by the council pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 75216.	SGC Key Staff	
Website Maintenance		Anna Marie Young, OPR	
Staffing Coordination		Julia Johnston, OPR	